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In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 15, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A cap and vessel comprising:
a threaded cap having a non-circular cap flange; and
a threaded vessel having a non-circular vessel flange of substantially the same shape as the cap flange, wherein the threaded cap is secured to the threaded vessel when the cap flange and vessel flange are aligned.
18. A method for sealing a vessel, comprising the steps of:
placing a threaded cap having a non-circular cap flange on a threaded vessel having a corresponding non-circular vessel flange; and
securing the threaded cap to the threaded vessel a first time by rotating the threaded cap in one direction, the threaded cap secured to the threaded vessel when the cap flange and vessel flange are aligned.

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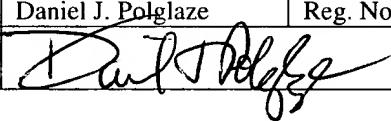
- An Amendment and Response to Final Office Action under 35 USC 1.116 (6 pgs.)
- A return postcard.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to deposit account 501373.

Please consider this a petition for an extension of time for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if necessary.

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 These papers and fees are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Box AF, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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